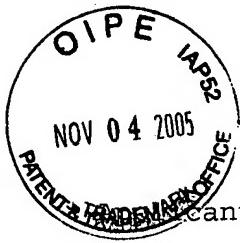


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2,850,233	Strauss, H. H.
3,576,274	Stramaglia, M.M.
3,547,339	Bruce, J. B.
4,047,610	Stout, J.T. et al.
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Also, enclosed is a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report in which these references were cited.

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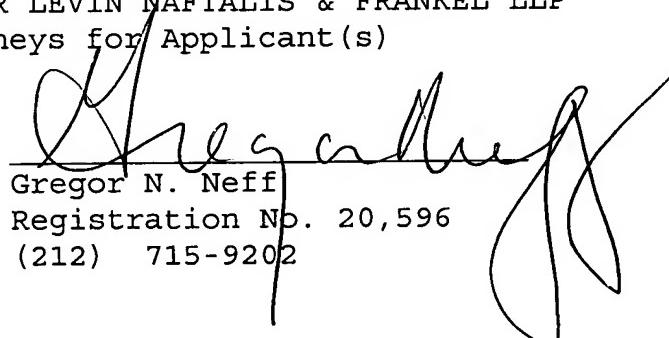
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